**Secrets of Disney World**



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Many elements of the magical world of Walt Disney are kept secret and hidden from the rest of society. Things from anti-Semitic structures to underground cities are left undiscovered by most of Disney World’s visitors.

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Disney’s underground “city” is really no secret, but an interesting element of this incredible theme park. Underneath “The Magic Kingdom” there is a network of tunnels and dining areas for staff. These tunnels are mainly used for transporting things from place to place without taking them through the park. Walt Disney was walking in the park one day and saw a cowboy from Frontierland walking through Tomorrowland and thought that it would be a good idea to create a way for them to move throughout the park without being seen in the incorrect surroundings. The park was actually built on an underground complex. They did make new tunnels just for these purposes. That would have taken decades to complete and would have resulted in the closing of the park and an extreme loss of money.

Hidden Mickeys

Throughout Disney World, there are hundreds of hidden silhouettes of Mickey Mouse’s head that the “Imagineers” added to the park. No one really knows who added the first Mickey, but the first sighting of one was in 1989 by Arlen Miller. There could be thousands of these images, but only 600 have been discovered. I went to Disney World on January 14th, 2011 with a school group. I hunted for the Mickeys for the three days that we visited the park and found only 23. They are very difficult to locate without the assistance of Steven M. Barrett’s book, “Hidden Mickeys: A Field Guide to Walt Disney World's Best Kept Secrets, 4th Edition.” This book has



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This Hidden Mickey can be seen when in line to ride “The Test Track” in Epcot.

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This Hidden Mickey can be seen when in line for “The Tower of Terror” in Disney’s Hollywood Studios



